

“FOOTPRINT ROADS PILOT PROGRAM”

Implementation Plan (June 4, 2003)

The “Footprint Roads Pilot Program” was generated as a result of the efforts of the multi-disciplined, interagency Design Issues Working Group. This three year Pilot Program will help to balance community, historic and environmental needs while performing roadway work in settings of community significance.

The following schedule has been established for implementation and follow-up:

- Roll out the Program on June 4, 2003
- Make applications available June 6, 2003 (MassHighway District Offices and Regional Planning Agencies)
- Accept applications through August 31, 2003 for inclusion on the FY 04 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Establish Selection Committee by July 31, 2003
- Establish Program Success Criteria for follow-up action by August 31, 2003
- Select FY 04 projects by September 30, 2003
- Accept applications for FY 05 TIP
- Select Projects for FY 05 TIP by April 15, 2004
- Accept applications for FY 06 TIP through March 1, 2005
- Select Projects for FY 06 TIP by April 15, 2006

Funding

There is no designated funding category for this Program. Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible funds from regional targets will be used for the selected projects for this Pilot Program. Funding levels will be limited to a statewide total of \$15 million for years 1 – 3 of the Program (TIP years 04 – 06) to ensure continued expenditures to promote statewide improvements under currently funded programs.

Project Distribution

In order to target geographic equity, a minimum of one project will be considered for each region per year of the Pilot. Should there be a remaining balance in the statewide funding limit, additional projects will be considered and selected based upon merit, within existing targets.

Due to time constraints, projects considered for the FY 04 TIP will not be required to have Project Review Committee (PRC) approval for initial inclusion. Projects for the FY 05 and FY 06 TIPs should have PRC approval prior to inclusion on the TIP. Also, it is recognized that project selection for this Pilot Program most likely will not occur prior to endorsement of the 2004-7 TIPs. Therefore, MPOs may wish to program proposed projects with the understanding that it may not be selected as part of the Pilot Program. If it is not selected, the MPO could choose to keep it on the TIP or conduct an amendment process to substitute other projects.